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**APPROVED MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF
BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH
Robert Miller Community Center
Tuesday, September 14, 2010 5:30 PM**

Attendance: Ian, Fern, Alan, Bill, Linda, Dennis, Deborah, Mary, Jay,

Public: William Robb, Will Bennington, Jeremiah Church, Lindsey Gillies, Keith Bruner, Nancy Kirby

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Galbraith at 5:35

| ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| 1. Approval of Agenda | | Approved |
| 2. Approval of Minutes: August 10, 2010 | | Approved |
| 3. Public Forum | <p>TOPIC Chickens: Citizen Will Bennington: he was cited for zoning violations for his flock of 10 chickens and wasn't told about options to be in compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• According to Front Porch Forum & articles in newspapers this citizens' group is | |

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| | <p>looking for a more comprehensive policy re: raising chickens in the city proper.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 chickens will not support daily consumption of 2 eggs for an average household size. • Understands that community may be concerned with animals in the City of Burlington posing health risks <p>Code Director W. Ward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 domestic animals per property • No chickens allowed in a high density, rental district • 5 or more animals requires a special license <p>Citizen William Rob: Interest in the regulations being appropriate (ability of lot to support the animals)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: regulations re: integrating farming into the City of Burlington <p>Code Director W. Ward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas are zoned for agriculture i.e. Intervale which is regulated by the State Dept of Agriculture rather than the City of Burlington, • Zoning permits are required for change of use of land <p>Citizen Keith Brunner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is \$\$\$ available to hire someone for a new position to examine urban homesteading in Burlington <p>Citizen Nancy Kirby: Clarification that Zoning permits 4 domestic animals per parcel. King St. area is high density ergo, no chickens.</p> <p>Citizen Jerimiah Church: has raised chickens in urban and country settings..</p> | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed benefits of chickens eating compost • Promoting good health –Omega feature of eggs • Talked about ammonia from chicken waste degrading rapidly . <p>BOH Chair, I. Galbraith:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board is complaint driven. • Board designed to educate the public. • Board can write rules but not make laws. • Suggested an agenda item to examine issues at next meeting and be sure it is properly warned. • Board could pass a resolution to go before the City Council. <p>BOH Member, A. Sousie: Q: What do you do with the waste? A: Compost waste and degrades rapidly. Minimal fly attraction.</p> <p>Director Ward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged that members of the group are responsible in the care of their animals. • Public education will highlight the responsibility of caring for animals in the city • Need a better definition of legitimate animals • One chicken would need 2 square feet of green – 2 square feet of housing. • Need to approach this issue in an integrated fashion. • Suggested citizens seek advice from David White in Planning and Zoning. | <p>BOH to frame this as an urban agriculture issue and include the citizens who are currently raising chickens in the city as a resource.</p> <p>Citizens advocating for changing the ordinance to allow more chickens to be raised within the city (outside the designated agricultural zone) will enter into discussions with David White at Planning and Zoning.</p> <p>BOH Approved adding an Agenda item about the raising of chickens in residential areas to be warned for the November 9th meeting at Contois Auditorium, City Hall, 5:30 PM if it requires further discussion.</p> |
| 4. Chairman's Report | <p>BOH Goals for FY 11</p> <p>The Board discussed the following eight (8) goals and selected three(3) goals on which to focus for FY 11.</p> | <p>Board Approved 3 BOH Goals for FY 11:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water Safety Issues 2. Pesticide Education 3. School Inspections - Environmental Quality |

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| | <p>All members of the Board need to commit time outside the monthly board meeting to achieve these goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Safety Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ continue to promote anti-fluoridation ○ Rain barrels, etc. and storm water issues (storm water administrator position is supported with a fee assessment) ○ Stabilizing run off with “riparian” planting along Intervale to prevent run off. • Pesticide Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ POPE working group ○ Pesticide Ordinance ○ Education • Impact of cultural diversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exploratory action – how is influx of refugees affecting health services in our city? ○ Are we accommodating? ○ BOH mission could be to acquire information and then become an educational resource of services available. ○ BOH to do homework, and create tangible goals. • Lead Abatement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Handled by CEDO – Jeff Tanguay • Domestic Animals – disease and ordinance • School Inspections - Environmental Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Post rehabilitation investigations <p>*****</p> | <p>BOH Member – J. Vos will schedule public service programs– Channel 17, VPT Focus will be on educating the public about BOH FY 11 goals and actions to achieve them.</p> <p>BOH Member – J. Vos & Director W. Ward will attend DPW meeting at Waste Water Plant 9/15/10</p> <p>BOH Member – J. Vos will invite Lawn Lab Project coordinators, UVM Prof. Sid Bosworth and intern Taylor LaFleur to present at October BOH meeting, October 12, 2010</p> |
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| BOH QUESTION: Should a written plan for the continuous improvement for community monitoring efforts be a task of the BOH? | <p>Discussion re: Question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We do not have the staff to do this - Monitoring efforts needs more clarity - BOH will continue to be vigilant i.e. flu epidemic & emergency preparedness | BOH voted to remove the question from consideration for this year. |
| <p>5. Members' Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.O.P.E. • Pesticide Ordinance • Update on Fluoride Issue | <p>Sid Bosworth has met with the two selected Lawn Labs property owners as well as others who had questions re: chemical free lawns. Sid wants to know if we could survey other applicants especially re: grubs. Taylor to contact all who applied with an e-mail.</p> <p>Taylor LaFleur will be adding to Lawn Labs Blog on Blogger and wants to meet with POPE working group.</p> <p>Invite Representative Mark Larsen to a BOH meeting to talk about revisions of Burlington Pesticide Ordinance and legislative avenues to effect change statewide</p> | <p>BOH Member – J. Vos will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let Linda know date and time of next meeting of POPE working group. • Work with Maryellen Manock to develop informational media on lawn labs • Will do a presentation about POPE activities Saturday 9/18/10 for the Earth Care Circle at St. Paul's Cathedral <p>BOH Member A. Sousie to follow up w/ Linthelac Foundation re: POPE grant funds.</p> <p>BOH Member – F. Crete is communicating with Mark Larsen, VT legislator BOH meeting October 12, 2010.</p> <p>BOH Chair, I. Galbraith will approach City Councilors and DPW – sub-committee to obtain results of discussions and decisions on the fluoride resolution.</p> |
| <p>6. Staff Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code Director W. Ward <p>1. Health Issue: Bedbugs Update</p> | <p>Bed bugs in Burlington are not at epidemic proportions - 2 reports in August</p> <p>Code Enforcement is responding at two levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Had to shut down one business, | |

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| <p>2. Hookah Postings</p> <p>3. NALBOH Publications</p> | <p>and Director is in conversation re: issues to remedy the situation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director is fielding calls from VT Dept. of Health. More of a mental health issue v. physical health issue • Educational information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a pamphlet is available ○ Channel 17 panel with VT Tenants & Code Enforcement. ○ New England Cable News and Channel 3 coverage w/ Bill in September. <p>Media is not doing PSA for BOH</p> <p>Director Ward reports that the health warnings about hookah use are posted at the Main Street establishment.</p> <p>Board Members selected free publications offered as part of their membership in the National Association of Local Boards of Health</p> | |
| 7. Action Items/Next Board Meeting | Speakers: Legacy Project, Mark Larsen-Legislative Action for Pesticide/Herbicide Use, Lawn Labs - Sid Boswell & Taylor | Next BOH Meeting: October 12, 2010 5:30 PM Location TBD |
| 8. Adjournment | | Adjourned 7:30 PM |